Editor's Note

Once there had been an attempt to publish proceedings of the Academy's spring meeting. The only known issue was lost in the dust of the Secretary-Treasurer's office until Richard Spall uncovered it. He suggested that the proceedings should be resurrected. Dwight Smith recommended that the editor should commit to several years of leadership to ensure continuity.

The editorial board was created after consultation with members. The three selected were Erving Beauregard, Stuart Givens, and Dwight Smith because they have distinguished experience in refereeing and reviewing articles.

The objective of the Academy and editorial board of the *Proceedings* is to publish the best papers presented at spring meetings. To reflect the broad interests of the Academy it has been determined that there must be a balance among American, European, and non-Western papers. This issue of the *Proceedings* has been limited to three papers presented at the spring 1999 meeting at the University of Dayton. The goal is to expand the number of papers to six or nine.

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